

1. A rustication for preparing reveal bands in the surface of a precast panel, said rustication defined by a one piece elongate body of extruded foam, said body comprising:
 - an upper surface;
 - a lower surface defining a base plane at least a portion of which is configured to engage a panel-forming surface;
 - a pair of laterally-spaced sidewall surfaces that join said upper and lower surfaces; and
 - at least one downward-extending edge that projects below said base plane such that upon formation of said precast panel, said rustication exhibits enhanced sealing engagement with said panel forming surface.
2. A rustication according to claim 1, wherein said body has a substantially trapezoidal-shaped cross section.
3. A rustication according to claim 1, wherein said at least one downward-extending edge is configured such that a downward force exerted upon at least one of said upper or sidewall surfaces when said rustication is engaged with said panel forming surface tends to splay said at least one edge along said panel-forming surface.
4. A rustication according to claim 1, wherein each said laterally-spaced sidewall surface includes a corresponding one of said at least one downward-extending edge disposed at a lower end thereof.
5. A rustication according to claim 4, wherein said corresponding one of said at least one downward-extending edge and said laterally-spaced sidewall surface are substantially coplanar with one another.
6. A rustication according to claim 1, wherein said body further includes a plurality of longitudinally-spaced apertures that extend from said upper surface to said lower surface to facilitate the securing of said rustication to said panel forming surface.

7. A rustication for preparing reveal bands in the surface of a precast panel, said rustication configured to effect enhanced sealing engagement with a panel-forming surface during formation of said precast panel, said rustication defined by a one piece elongate body of extruded foam, said body comprising:

an upper surface;

a lower surface defining a base plane at least a portion of which is configured to engage said panel-forming surface; and

a pair of laterally-spaced sidewall surfaces that join said upper and lower surfaces, each said laterally-spaced sidewall surface including a downward-extending edge that is substantially coplanar with the outward-facing surface of said sidewall surface, said downward-extending edge configured such that a downward force exerted upon said upper surface or said sidewall surfaces when said rustication is engaged with said panel-forming surface tends to splay said downward-extending edge along said panel-forming surface.

8. A rustication for preparing reveal bands in the surface of a precast panel, said rustication defined by a one piece elongate body of extruded foam with a core section and an outer section, said outer section comprising:

at least one upward-facing surface;

a lower surface coupled to said at least one upward-facing surface, said lower surface defining a base plane at least a portion of which is configured to engage a panel-forming surface; and

at least one downward-extending edge that projects below said base plane such that upon formation of said precast panel, said rustication exhibits enhanced sealing engagement with said panel-forming surface.

9. A rustication according to claim 8, wherein said at least one downward-extending edge is configured such that a downward force exerted upon said at least one upward-facing surface when said rustication is engaged with said panel-forming surface tends to splay said edge along said panel-forming surface.

10. A rustication according to claim 8, wherein each said at least one upward-facing surface includes a corresponding one of said at least one downward-extending edge disposed at a lower end thereof.

11. A rustication according to claim 10, wherein said corresponding one of said at least one downward-extending edge and said at least one upward-facing surface are substantially coplanar with one another.

12. A rustication according to claim 10, wherein said rustication is triangular shaped.

13. A method of manufacturing a precast panel with a reveal band formed therein, said method comprising:

configuring a rustication to include a one piece elongate body of extruded foam, said body

comprising:

an upper surface;

a lower surface defining a base plane at least a portion of which is configured to engage a panel-forming surface;

a pair of laterally-spaced sidewall surfaces that join said upper and lower surfaces; and

at least one downward-extending edge that projects below said base plane such that upon formation of said precast panel, said rustication exhibits enhanced sealing engagement with said panel-forming surface;

placing said rustication on said panel-forming surface;

pouring precast material at least around said rustication while said precast material is in an uncured state;

curing said precast material; and

removing said rustication from said precast panel.

14. A method according to claim 13, comprising the additional step of securing said rustication to said panel-forming surface prior to pouring said precast material.

15. A rustication according to claim 14, wherein each said laterally-spaced sidewall surface includes a corresponding one of said at least one downward-extending edge disposed at a lower end thereof.

16. A rustication according to claim 15, wherein said corresponding one of said at least one downward-extending edge and said laterally-spaced sidewall surface are substantially coplanar with one another.

17. A method of producing a rustication with a one piece elongate body of extruded foam, said method comprising:

configuring an extruder to include an output stream defined by a predetermined shape, said predetermined shape including:

an upper surface;

a lower surface defining a base plane;

a plurality of laterally-spaced sidewall surfaces that extend between said upper and lower surfaces to form corners therewith; and

at least one extending edge that projects beyond said base plane;

providing said extruder with a quantity of foamable material; and

operating said extruder such that said foamable material is forced through said output stream in said predetermined shape to form said rustication.

18. A method according to claim 17, comprising the additional step of forming a plurality of apertures in said rustication to enable attachment of said rustication to a panel-forming surface.

19. A method according to claim 17, comprising the additional step of segmenting said rustication into one or more pieces of predetermined length after said rustication exits said output stream.